

**ARCHITECTS SECTION MEETING
EXAMINING BOARD OF ARCHITECTS, LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTS,
PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS, DESIGNERS AND LAND SURVEYORS
MINUTES
MADISON WI
November 7, 2001**

PRESENT: Dennis Cerreta, Arno Haering, James Otto, Mary Reavey,
Karen Sathoff

STAFF PRESENT: Katharine Hildebrand, Grace Schwingel and Patty Williams

GUESTS PRESENT: William Babcock, Wisconsin AIA

CALL TO ORDER

Dennis Cerreta, Chair, called the meeting to order at 1:04 p.m. A quorum of 5 members was present.

AGENDA

Katharine Hildebrand pointed out that under Administrative Report on the agenda, there should be an agenda item for Regulatory Digest.

MOTION: Mary Reavey moved, seconded by Karen Sathoff, to adopt the agenda as amended above. Motion carried unanimously.

MINUTES (09/05/01)

MOTION: Mary Reavey moved, seconded by James Otto, to approve the minutes as published. Motion carried unanimously.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORT

Section Roster

Hildebrand introduced Mary Reavey, a new public member for the Section. Mary previously served as the professional assessor member of the Real Estate Appraisers Board. Roger Roslansky, who had previously served as a professional member for this Section, is now a public member on the Real Estate Appraisers Board.

Arno Haering was not advised that today's screening panel had been cancelled. Hildebrand will make sure DOE has Arno Haering's e-mail address and is aware that Haering will be serving on the Screening Panel and should be notified if there are no cases to screen.

2002 Meeting Dates

The Section approved the 2002 meeting dates. Mary Reavey will not be available for the April 11, 2002 meeting.

To-Do List

Hildebrand informed the Section that she will not be putting the To-Do List or the Draft of the Regulatory Digest in the agenda packets, since this is in-house information that does not need to be distributed outside of the Department or the Section.

To-Pass Folder

Noted

Regulatory Digest

Hildebrand distributed and discussed a letter she had received from Roger Roslansky regarding the use of the term architect and the various parts of the architect exam. It was suggested that an article be written for the next Regulatory Digest regarding the parts of the exam, the qualifications required to take the exam and the qualifications required to get a license. Six years of education and/or experience are required to qualify for the exam and seven years are required to qualify for a license. There was some discussion about the qualifications that are required for engineers and designers. Hildebrand will have a draft of an article for the Regulatory Digest to discuss at the January meeting.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE

There was a discussion about the history of the Legislature's opposition to increasing the requirements to obtain licensure. The Section needs to make the Legislature aware that the motive for increasing the requirements to take the exam and for licensure is to bring Wisconsin's requirements in line with what NCARB and other states are requiring. The Section supports providing the option to get a license either by obtaining a professional degree, 10-13 years of experience, or a combination of education and experience. The Section would like to discuss this issue further at the January meeting and have Legal Counsel available to assist in redrafting this legislative proposal. Statistics show that applicants who do have a professional degree have higher pass rates on the exam. Section members would be willing to contact the appropriate legislators to bring Wisconsin's standards in line with national standards.

ADMINISTRATIVE RULES

Nothing to report.

NCARB

2001-2002 Intern Development Program (IDP) Guidelines

Hildebrand handed out copies of the Intern Development Program Guidelines. Jim Otto will be representing the Section at the AIA Convention that will be held at the Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center on May 1, 2002. There was discussion on the Intern Development Program and the lack of continuing education requirements in Wisconsin. Wisconsin is one of 9 states that does not require continuing education credits since the Board lacks legislative authority to require continuing education credits. William Babcock, Wisconsin AIA, provided information to the Section on AIA requirements. AIA members must take 18 learning unit hours per year of continuing education credits to maintain their AIA membership. There are many architects, about 1/3 of architects in the state, who are not AIA members. Eight of the 18 hours must be related to health, safety and welfare. If Wisconsin were to follow the AIA guidelines on continuing education, the state could recognize the transcripts the AIA continuing education system generates, as most states do. These transcripts can be down-loaded from the Internet. Not all states accept the exact model set by the AIA. Many states focus more on some areas and less on others than AIA does. States can choose to accept the AIA report, rather than having to enforce the state's continuing education requirements. The Section would like Legal Counsel, Wayne Austin, to check into the feasibility of adapting AIA standards for continuing education requirements in Wisconsin.

Report from October 7th Meeting of the Regional Chairs Committee

Hildebrand reviewed the October 25, 2001, NCARB Region 4 Chair's Report of the October 7th meeting in Chicago. There was a discussion of the proposal NCARB is considering, to provide travel support for member board travel expenses. The Section was in favor of NCARB providing travel support to enable board members to attend regional meetings. Hildebrand will check into what the Department pays to be a member of NCARB.

EXAMINATION ISSUES

None

SECTION MEMBER ACTIVITY

None

PRACTICE ISSUES

Wisconsin AIA Report, Bill Babcock

Bill Babcock gave the Section a brief report on the decline of the number of applicants who take the Wisconsin exam and obtain licensure in Wisconsin. AIA set up an exam preparation program for interns. There were about 85 interns taking this 15-session course of 2 1/2 hours each, over a 9-month period. The program has been very well received. AIA has sites in

Madison, Milwaukee and Green Bay and has not been able to accommodate everyone who wants to participate in the course. AIA had invited some interns to its long-range planning retreat. The main issue discussed was the need for mentors to assist interns to become better architects. Babcock handed out an article on Mentoring, entitled "Mentors Make A Difference."

MISCELLANEOUS CORRESPONDENCE/INFORMATION

None

NEW BUSINESS

None

CLOSED SESSION

MOTION: Mary Reavey moved, seconded by Arno Haering, to convene the meeting to closed session to deliberate on cases following hearing (s. 19.85(1)(a), Stats.; to consider licensure or discipline (s. 19.85(1)(b), Stats.); to consider individual histories or disciplinary data (s. 19.85(1)(f), Stats.); and to confer with legal counsel (s. 19.85(1)(G), Stats). Motion carried by a role call vote: Dennis Cerreta-yes, Arno Haering-yes, James Otto-yes, Mary Reavey-yes, Karen Sathoff-yes.

Open Session recessed at 3:10 p.m.

CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to consider.

RECONVENE TO OPEN SESSION

MOTION: Mary Reavey moved, seconded by Jim Otto, to reconvene the meeting in Open Session at 3:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

VOTE ON ITEMS CONSIDERED OR DELIBERATED UPON IN CLOSED SESSION

Nothing to consider.

SUCH OTHER ITEMS AS AUTHORIZED BY LAW

None

ADJOURNMENT

MOTION: Mary Reavey moved, seconded by Karen Sathoff, to adjourn the meeting at 3:15 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

DATE: November 27, 2001
TO: Katharine Hildebrand
FROM: Grace Schwingel
SUBJECT: ARCHITECT SECTION, NOVEMBER 7, 2001, TO DO LIST

1. **Hildebrand** will make sure DOE has Arno Haering's e-mail address and is aware that Haering is serving on the Screening Panel and should be notified if there are no cases to screen.
2. **Hildebrand**, with the assistance of Legal Counsel, Wayne Austin, will prepare a draft of an article for the Regulatory Digest, based on a letter from Roger Roslansky, to discuss at the January meeting. The article will clarify the use of the term "architect," the steps in the process regarding the parts of the exam, the qualifications required to take the exam and the qualifications required to get a license.
3. At the January meeting, the Section would like to consider a previous legislative proposal to increase the requirements to obtain licensure. The Section wants to make the legislature aware that the motive for increasing the requirements to take the exam and for licensure is to bring Wisconsin's requirements in line with what NCARB and other states are requiring.
4. Hildebrand will check into what the Department pays to be a member of NCARB.